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APPLICATION NO. : PCT/EP2003/006517  
APPLICANT : Oliver Voelckers  
FILED : Herewith  
FOR : Device For Detecting A Mechanical Actuation of an Input  
Element By Using Digital Technology, and Method For  
Processing And Converting The Digital Input Signal Into  
Commands For Controlling A Load  
ART UNIT : Not Yet Assigned  
EXAMINER : Not Yet Assigned

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

SIR:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.